Nedumangad) in the Sri Chitra State Council on 9-4-1109 (Vol. II No. 2) regarding the opening of an Anchal Office at Madavoor-Pallikkal in Chirayinkil taluk, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have enquired into the matter of offering security?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. One Easwara Kurup Govinda Kurup, Alummootil, Madavoor-Pallikkal, has offered to deposit a sum of Rs. 250 both as guarantee against loss to Government in the working of the Anchal Office if opened and as security for the combined post of master and runner.

Assessment on Kuthakapattam lands.

337. *MR. S. **NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether, at the time of the last Settlement, Sirkar lands having yielding trees have been given on *Kuthakapattam* without term to owners of adjacent lands on the ground that such owners have effected improvements on those Sirkar lands;

(*b*) if so, the basis on which assessment was made on those lands; and

(*c*) whether steps are now being taken in the Chirayinkil and Nedumangad taluks to revise and enhance the assessment fixed at the time of the last Settlement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) These questions do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*)

Appointment of ladies in the P. W. Department.

333. *MR. S. **NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received applications from ladies, either graduates or under-graduates, for the posts of clerks and typists in the Chief Engineer's Office and in the offices subordinate thereto:

(*b*) whether any lady applicants have been appointed hitherto; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reason therefor?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) For want of suitable vacancies and the fact that there are many male acting hands to be absorbed.

Causeway on the Pallikkal—Chadayamangalam road.

339. *MR. S. **NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representation against the construction of a "Chappathi" near the second mile-stone on the Pallikkal-Chadayamangalam road and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise.

Confirmation of clerks in the Registration Department.

340. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of permanent appointments of clerks made by the Director of Registration since Kumbhom 1109 ;

(*b*) whether there is any standing order of Government regarding the confirmation of clerks in the Registration Department ;

(*c*) whether the Director of Registration has contravened the above order in the matter of confirmation of certain clerks and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether they will furnish a list of such appointments, with particulars regarding the names of clerks so confirmed, the dates of first entertainment, the total periods of acting service and the dates of confirmation ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Nine.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) and (*d*) In view of answer to part (*b*), these do not arise.

Appointments in the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

341. ***MR. K. PADMANABHAN** (*Chirayinkil I*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of applications for non-gazetted posts received by the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries from each of the communities of the State ever since he assumed charge ; and

(*b*) the number appointed from each community ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*).

Community	*Number of applications received for non-gazetted posts.*	*Number appointed from each community*
Brahmin	11	2
Nairs	45	4
Ezhava	10	2
Other Hindus	44	7
Christians	32	2
Muhammedans	5	...

Age-limit for the retirement of Government Officers.

342. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that Government contemplate to raise the present age-limit of 55 fixed for the retirement of Government servants from service ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

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